

# AVIATION CLAIMS A GRIM HARVEST

SEVENTY-SEVEN BIRDMEN DIE  
IN CONQUEST OF AIR.

France Leads in Fatalities With the  
United States a Close Second,  
Canada's Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The progress in the science of aviation during the year now drawing to a close has been costly in human life. Beginning with the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, the first person killed in an aeroplane, in 1903, the list of fatalities has rapidly increased, especially in the present year, when the deaths more than doubled the combined number for the three preceding years. In 1908 one man lost his life, in 1909 four, in 1910 thirty-two, and to date for the present year seventy-seven persons have been killed.

In 1911, as in preceding years, France has contributed by far the largest number of victims, her list totaling 25, including one woman, Mme. Deniz Moore, who fell at Klampes on July 21, last.

German aviators who lost their lives this year number 14, English 7, Russian 4, Italian, Austrian and Japanese, 2 each. Serbia, Spain, Belgium, Brazil, Peru and Cuba contributed one each to the death roll of the year.

Whereas in the earlier days of the science of aviation only the most fitted, mentally and physically, dared flights, nowadays great numbers of amateurs do so. As a consequence the death for the present year include a number of aviation pupils. Double fatalities, in which driver and passenger were killed, also were common, while on June 18, last, three Frenchmen, Capt. Princoteau, T. le Martin, and M. Landron, were burned to death in midair as a result of the explosion of the aeroplane motor.

While aviation has been carried on almost as extensively in Canada as elsewhere, it is interesting to note that no fatalities were recorded in that country during the present year. In striking contrast is the record of the United States (including Porto Rico) in which a total of 15 aviators have met death in 1911.

The complete list of American victims for the year is as follows:

- April 25—William G. Purvis, died at Baton Rouge, La., as result of fall on March 5.
- May 10—Lieut. George E. M. Kelly, U. S. A., killed by fall at San Antonio, Texas.
- May 17—A. V. Hardie, an amateur, killed by fall at Los Angeles.
- July 13—F. A. Kreamer killed by

## A CANDIDATE FOR AN AVIATION MEET.



—Gale in Los Angeles Times.

fall in biplane at Chicago.

Aug. 15—William R. Badger was crashed to death by his machine at Chicago.

Aug. 15—St. Croix Johnstone, fell into Lake Michigan from height of 1,000 feet at Chicago aviation meet.

Sept. 1—J. J. Frisbie killed by fall at Norton, Kas.; went up in a crippled machine because spectators called him a faker.

Sept. 19—John W. Rosenbush killed while making a trial flight at DeWitt, Iowa.

Sept. 22—Frank W. Miller burned to death in midair at Troy, Ohio, as result of explosion of gasoline tank.

Sept. 22—"Hare-Devil" Castellano killed by fall from height of three-quarters of a mile at Mansfield, Pa.

Sept. 25—Dr. J. C. Clark, an amateur, killed by fall at the international aviation meet on Long Island.

Oct. 2—Cromwell Dixon killed by 100-foot fall at Spokane, after having made successful flight across the Rocky Mountains.

Oct. 12—Eugene B. Ely, one of the foremost American aviators, killed by 50-foot fall at Mason, Ga.

Nov. 1—Prof. John Montgomery noted as the inventor of an aeroplane alder, killed by fall near Edensvale, California.

Dec. 3—Tod Schriver, well known American aviator, killed in an exhibition flight at Ponce, Porto Rico.

More than twice as many American aviators were killed this year than in the three preceding years. Up to January 1, 1911, the American victims numbered only six. They were:

- Lieut. Selfridge, killed at Fort Mayer, Va., Sept. 17, 1903; Eugene Speyer, a

# WOOL GROWERS FOR AMPLE PROTECTION

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS AT OMAHA.

Fifteen Hundred are in Attendance,  
Tariff Protection is Wanted  
By Them.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 16.—Fifteen hundred men who are as familiar with the names of Cotswolds, Hampshires, Angoras, Rambouillets and other varieties of sheep and goats as they are with their A B C's, gathered in Omaha today for the opening of the forty-eighth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' Association.

In the size and representative character of the attendance, the convention has never been eclipsed in the history of the association, which is one of the oldest live stock organizations in America. While the majority of the delegates come from the west, there are many in attendance from Ohio, Kentucky and other wool-growing states east of the Mississippi river.

The flockmasters believe that the wool growing industry in the United States has reached a critical stage of its existence and they have come to the convention prepared for exhaustive discussion and vigorous action. Schedule "K" and the report of the tariff board will be the leading subjects of consideration.

A vast array of statistics will be offered to show that the sheepmen are not responsible for the present high prices of clothing and other wool products. On the contrary, it is declared that they have not been making any money for several years. For the past year, it is stated, the wool men have actually lost money, because the manufacturers, as a result of the tariff agitation, would not buy except on a free trade basis.

The convention will demand that the American wool growers be given that degree of protection which is represented in the difference in the cost of producing a pound of wool in the United States and in foreign countries. The association believes that the importance of the industry justifies its protection at the hands of Congress. Attention is called to the fact that nineteen percent of the people of Wyoming are dependent on the wool growing industry. In Missouri there are 54,000 wool growers, 42,000 in Iowa and large numbers in numerous other states.

The three days of the convention will be notable for the prominence of many of the speakers as well as the importance of the subjects discussed. Senator Borah of Idaho, is scheduled

for an address on conservation. F. J. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Iowa, will speak on "Schedule 'K' and Its Relation to the Wool Growers." Other speakers and their topics will include the following:

"Wool Growing and the Tariff," Senator Joseph W. Dixon of Montana; "Breeding of American Plants and Men," W. M. Hayes assistant secretary of agriculture; "Consumers vs. Producers," Congressman A. W. Racker of Colorado; "Wool Growing in South America," Joseph E. King, of the National tariff board; "Importance of Sheep to the Farmer," A. J. Knollin, of Chicago; "Tariff on Meats," Judge S. H. Cowan, of Fort Worth; "Wool Growers and Their Neighbors," Dr. J. M. Wilson, Douglas, Wyoming.

The officers in charge of the convention are: President F. B. Gooding, former governor of Idaho; Western vice president, George Austin, Salt Lake City; Eastern vice president, A. J. Knollin, Chicago; treasurer, Frank B. Stracle, Helena, Mont., and secretary, S. W. McClure, Gooding, Idaho.

## WASHINGTON QUIET FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Lull in Social and Political Affairs,  
News Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The near approach of Christmas will see the customary lull in political and public affairs. Little real work is expected of Congress, which will adjourn at the end of the week for the holiday recess.

President Taft will take advantage of the slowing down of the official machinery by running over to Brooklyn to deliver an address before the Young Republican Club of that city, Tuesday night.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, will celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, and it is expected the anniversary will be made the occasion for a signal manifestation of the love and esteem in which the venerable prelate is held by Americans of all creeds and classes.

A notable wedding of the week will be that of Miss Edith Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, and William S. Moore. The wedding will take place Thursday at the Pulitzer house in New York City, and it will be a very quiet affair in account of the recent death of the bride's father.

Unless the governor of Illinois grants a respite there will be a quadruple hanging in Chicago Friday, the first that has taken place in that city since the execution of the haymarket anarchists. The prospective victims of the gallows are the four young men convicted of the murder last October of a truck farmer.

Of interest in naval circles will be

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alleged to have started "wild-cat" banks and also inaugurated other schemes of finance in Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and several other states. Efforts to learn his whereabouts after the failure of the Central Bank of Mississippi were for a long time futile.

## FRENZIED FINANCIER FACES GRAVE CHARGE

Mississippi Banker Long Elated Told of Law.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 16.—The many persons who suffered financial loss through the failure several years ago of the Central Bank of Mississippi, are looking forward with much interest to the trial of W. J. Rice, which is scheduled to begin here Monday.

Rice was the promoter of the bank and in entire control of the institution. The bank was capitalized at half a million dollars, but when it closed its doors, during the financial panic of 1907, it had less than ten dollars in the vault.

Revelations following the bank's failure tended to show, according to the authorities who conducted the investigation, that Rice was a typical "Get-Rich-Quick-Wallington." He is

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## SPORTING CALENDAR

- Monday.** Bombardier Wells, heavyweight champion of England, and Fred Starbuck, South African champion, will fight twenty rounds in London.
- Abu Attell and "One Round" Hogan will fight ten rounds before the Madison A. C., New York.
- Johnny Conion, bantamweight champion, and Patsy Brannigan will box ten rounds at Johnstown, Pa.
- Wednesday.** Knockout Brown and Lanch Cross will fight ten rounds at the Olympic A. C., New York.
- Thursday.** Basketball teams of Princeton and Cornell will meet at Ithaca, N. Y.
- Triangular intercollegiate chess match between Harvard, Yale and Princeton, begins at New York.

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